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Filed: December 27, 1999	) Examiner: Jennifer A. Leung
For: HIGH-PRESSURE TREATMENT APPARATUS, FEEDING METHOD THERETO AND PROTECTION METHOD THEREOF	) ) ) ) )

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Sir:

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the September 5, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 19), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper. An appendix includes a courtesy copy of *In Re Dembiczak*, 175 F.3d 994, 1000 (Fed. Cir. 1999), and is attached following page 13 of this paper.

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